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1. WE HAVE MADE FULL PRESENTATION OF US POSITION
OUTLINED REFTEL TO MUELLER-ENDERS AT THE FINANCE
MINISTRY AND SCHULZ AT THE AID MINISTRY. WE HAVE ALSO
RAISED THE SUBJECT WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY WEBER AT
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THE FINANCE MINISTRY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HISS AT

THE CHANCELLORS OFFICE. WE ARE INFORMED THAT THE QUESTION IS NOW BEFORE STATE SECRETARY POEHL FOR A DECISION WHICH IS EXPECTED SOMETIME EARLY NEXT WEEK.

2. ALL OFFICIALS CONTACTED INDICATED SYMPATHY FOR US VIEWS BUT LEFT US WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT FRG IN THE END MIGHT WELL GO ALONG WITH SALARY INCREASE PROPOSALS.

3. SCHULZ OF THE AID MINISTRY TOLD US THAT THE FRG WAS UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FROM ITS BUREAUCRATS SERVING OVERSEAS FOR SALARY INCREASES, PARTICULARLY DUE TO THE CHANGE IN THE US-DM EXCHANGE RATE. HE SAID THE FRG WAS EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY IN RECRUITING QUALITY PEOPLE FOR THIS REASON. AT THE SAME TIME, SCHULZ SAID HE RECOGNIZED THE RELATION BETWEEN A SALARY INCREASE AND THE IDA LEGISLATION BEING CONSIDERED IN THE CONGRESS, AND THE POSSIBLE NEGATIVE IMPACT A SALARY INCREASE WOULD HAVE AT THIS STAGE.

4. SCHULZ SAID HE THOUGHT PERSONALLY THE MOST THE FRG WOULD BE PREPARED TO DO WOULD BE TO AGREE TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION, BY THE GOVERNORS, OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT. EMBOFF DOUBTED THAT WOULD BE A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE AND REITERATED THE US VIEW THAT THE INCREASES WERE NOT JUSTIFIED ON THEIR MERITS.

5. WE WILL INFORM WASHINGTON AS SOON AS WE HEAR ANYTHING MORE DEFINITE ON FINAL FRG DECISION.
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